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- (X) This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
- (X) This is an Express Request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto.
- (X) An English translation of the International Application as filed is attached hereto.
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3));
- (X) have not been made and will not be made.

OTHER APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

- (X) Version for National Phase in English.
- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 9 pages.
- (X) International Search Report dated April 4, 2005.
- (X) A copy of the Publication of the International Application WO 2005/063148.
- (X) Notification Concerning Submission of Priority Document dated February 14, 2005.
- (X) First Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application dated July 28, 2005.
- (X) Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of their Election dated August 11, 2005.
- (X) Second and Supplementary Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application dated April 27, 2006.
- (X) Notification of the Recording of a Change dated May 12, 2006.
- (X) Preliminary Examination Report dated May 12, 2006.

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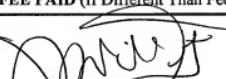
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